



PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Robert C. THOMPSON et al.)
Serial No.: 08/482,283) Group Art Unit: 1812
Filed: June 7, 1995) Examiner: C. Kaufman
For: PEGylation OF POLYPEPTIDES)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed June 6, 1997. The period for response has been extended four months with the filing herewith of a Petition for Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

REMARKS

The Examiner contends that Figures 31, 32, 33, 40, 55, 56, 57, 58, and an attached figure contain sequences which were not included in a parent application before October 1, 1990. Action at page 2, Item Nos. 1 to 3. First, applicants note that the unlabeled figure attached to the Office Action is the middle page of the three page Figure 40. Second, all of those drawing figures were filed in parent application Serial No. 07/555,274, which was filed July 19, 1990. Since the figures were in the parent application before October 1, 1990, applicants are not required to adhere to the sequence listing rules.